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ISICSB FirstNet Broadband Committee Meeting
Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS)
Ole O. Roe Learning Center (Room 122)
215 E. 7th St., Des Moines, IA 50319
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

FIRSTNET MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order/Conference Line

Meeting called to order by Chair Bischof at 9:00 a.m.

Conference telephone line was open for public listening and board members who were unable to attend.

Committee Members Present In-Person: Michele Bischof, Brian Blodgett, Curtis “Wally” Walser

Committee Members Present on Conference Line: Rob Dehnert, Jason Hoffman, Chris Maiers, Bob Younie

Committee Member Regrets: None

Guests on Conference Line: Kevin Ford, Mary Harp

Committee Members Absent: Eric Dau, Blake DeRouchey, Dennis Hart, Jason Hill, Gerard Meyers, William McLain, Shawn Wagner, Jim Wittenwyler, Joel Rohne, Corey Trucke, Shawn Olson, Larry Hurst, Mike Jensen, Larry Smith, Steph Coffey

Guest Attendees: David Barnett, Hollie Davidson



Welcome Remarks – Chair Bischof

Chair Bischof welcomed the group and introductions of those present in-person and those on the conference line were made.

Review Action Items from Previous Meeting

a. Update on “Whose on FirstNet?” database (Brian Blodgett)

1. Fillable information form is completed
2. Form has been posted on ISICSB website
3. Hollie will be distributing an email with a link to the form to all contact groups (Fire, Police, EMA's, PSAP's, Sheriff's)

b. Update on Boulder Lab visit (Chair Bischof)

Chair Bischof states that the following agenda items will be discussed at the upcoming Boulder Lab visit:

1. Introductions
2. Mythbusters (please let me know if you have any questions/issues to be addressed) – Chair Bischof has requested that differences between FirstNet and commercial carriers be addressed
3. FirstNet Central (new branding name – formerly Local Control Portal) and Advanced Status Tool overview within context of an incident
4. Experience Program Overview & Experience Center and Lab Tours (~90 - 120 minutes)
5. Lunch (brought into office, all chip in)
6. FirstNet event Planning & AAR support, including overview of deployables
7. FN One – AT&T to cover
8. Roadmap: Voice Comms and Mission Critical Services, including FirstNet Push to Talk

Items for consideration/further discussion:

1. ECC specific topic or inclusion?
2. US Cellular SIM issues

David Barnett will attempt to lockdown a more time-specific agenda for the Boulder visit if Kyle Richardson has this available.

c. FirstNet Call Center update (David Barnett)

1. Nothing new to report
 2. The hope is to discuss this as a group while in Boulder
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d. 911 FirstNet host remote update (Blake DeRouchey)

In the absence of Blake DeRouchey, there is no report as of date.

FirstNet Update (Kyle Richardson)

In the absence of FirstNet Rep. Kyle Richardson, Chair Bischof states that the informational document regarding the FirstNet Deployable has been distributed to the Committee. The document discusses the proper functioning of the FirstNet Deployable. The handout is a public document and may be shared with anyone.

SWIC Maiers specifically addressed the “Site Setup Requirements” related to the bullet point stating that “every deployable must have minimum 100’ safety perimeter, and should be placed at least 500’ away from a Command Post or other areas with heavy responder radio traffic.” SWIC Maiers inquired as to whether or not there will be a spectrum analyzer in which the technician can use to test transmitter functionality once the deployable set-up is complete. Chair Bischof suggested this be a topic of discussion while at the FirstNet Boulder Lab tour.

AT&T Update (David Barnett)

a. Tower Site Update

New Band-14 tower sites since the January 2020 FirstNet Committee Meeting include the following sites in Iowa: Rockwell, Westside, Charles City, West Liberty, and Marion. There are also new sites in Sutter, IL and Taopi, MN.

SWIC Report – (Chris Maiers)

SWIC Maiers reports there is an increase in interest regarding FirstNet. He has been sharing the buildout plans and answering questions for agencies located throughout the State of Iowa.

SWIC Maiers reports that he is seeing a decrease in the call hand-off issues that were discussed at previous FirstNet Committee meetings.

There was an in-dept discussion regarding LMR/LTE conversions. SWIC Maiers reports that this issue is still being addressed at the national level and with the Technology Committee.

Questions/Comments

There was discussion regarding the following:

- Provisioning issues
 - Issues specific to the Iphone 10R
 - David Barnett will report back regarding the provisioning issues
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The FirstNet Committee is requesting that Andy Sackreiter attend a future meeting to address any new questions that have arisen since the last time he attended a FirstNet Committee Meeting. David Barnett will follow-up with Andy Sackreiter and request that he attend a meeting in either April or May.

There was a discussion regarding Band-14 in the Des Moines area. Chair Bischof shared the issues that are being addressed throughout the City of Des Moines due to lack of Band-14. The issues are currently being addressed by AT&T engineers. Chair Bischof suggests that the Band-14 issues be addressed with Andy Sackreiter as well.

Discussion took place regarding black SIM cards vs. orange SIM cards. David Barnett states that the black SIM cards do not have roaming capabilities.

There was a discussion regarding how AT&T is working to improve call hand-offs between the AT&T towers to the US Cellular towers.

New Action Items

1. Update on "Whose on FirstNet?" database (Brian Blodgett/Joel Rohne)
 2. Update on Boulder Lab Visit (Chair Bischof)
 3. FirstNet Call Center update (David Barnett)
 4. 911 FirstNet host remote update (Blake DeRouchey)
 5. Discuss questions for Andy Sackreiter
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Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, @ 9:00 am

Location: Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS)
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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.